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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. Of: OWADES
Serial No.: 09/833,924
Filed: April 12, 2001
For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A MALT BEVERAGE ...
Group: 1761
Examiner: CURTIS EDWARD SHERRER DOCKET: OW-20
Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT B

Dear Sir:

This amendment is being filed in response to the Official Action mailed November 1, 2002.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claim 6, without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 2, 3 and 7, to read as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method of reducing bitterness of a brewed fermented malt beverage which comprises adding to said fermented beverage juniper berry oil in a below a threshold of taste amount of 0.010 ppm to 0.350 ppm based on said malt beverage.
2. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said juniper berry oil is added during aging of the beverage.
3. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said juniper berry oil is added following aging of and before packaging of the beverage.

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